

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday  
March 27, 2016

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
Notes on Today's Service

**We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!**  
If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the  
pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**Leading Worship Today**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Minister;  
Worship Leaders: Keedra Carroll, Sharon Parker  
Acolyte: Ben Scherluebbe;

The Overbrook Choir

Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The Overbrook Junior Choir, Margene Beiderman, Director

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Bette Homer in loving memory of her mother Beverly Bear.**

**Worship kits for children -**

Are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Large print bulletins are available -**

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

**Ushers:**

**Max Mason, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau,  
Alan Sigler and Nickie Stokes**

**Deacons delivering flowers:**

Davorka Sabljak and Stephanie Morris.

**Please be sure to silence all cell phones before the service.**

❖ All who are able, please stand.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

Two Partita Improvisations on "O FILII ET FILLAE"      *Francois Dandrieu*  
(Ye Sons and Daughters of the King)      *H. Alexander Matthews*  
Regina Coeli (O Queen of Heaven, Be joyful, Alleluia, because He has  
risen, as He Promised).      *Everett Titcomb*

CHORAL INTROIT      Easter Fanfare      *E.F. Ferguson*

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: He is Risen!

Many: His is risen indeed!

One: Let us worship our God.

### ❖ HYMN, No.232

EASTER HYMN

#### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Concertato Setting by David Cherwien

Organ Introduction

Stanza One - All in Unison

Stanza Two - All in Unison

Stanza Three - The Overbrook Choir

Organ Interlude

Stanza Four - All in Unison with Amen

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

# SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE ELEISON

### Kyrie

John Weaver

mp. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

### WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 Page 156, Bible

Anthem: The Overbrook Junior Choir  
Joyful Easter Day

Margene Biedermann, Director; Accompanist, Victor Fiorillo  
Instrumentalists: Aria & Zubin Fiorillo, Sahir Kamara, Makiyah Keys,  
Blake Hotek, Maya Stricker, Amiya & Mulan Topping and Sarah Whalen

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker

Sunday School is not in session today; all children are welcome in worship. Following the Time with Children, should parents so choose, children Pre-K through Grade 1, may depart to the Nursery. All other children and youth will remain in worship.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 1-12

Page 84, Bible

## SERMON

"Idle Tale or Way of Life?"

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN No. 326

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## RESPONSE

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

### SHARING THE PROCLAMATION OF RESURRECTION

One: HE IS RISEN!

Another: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

### OFFERTORY

Robert Benson

#### On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days The Overbrook Choir

On earth has dawned this day of days,  
Whereon the faithful give God praise!  
For Christ is risen from the tomb,  
And light and joy have conquered doom. Alleluia!  
At early morn, with spices rare,  
The women three ascended there,  
All to anoint fair Mary's son,  
Who over death had victory won. Alleluia!  
"Whom seek ye hear?" the angel said;  
"The Lord is risen from the dead;  
See where he lay, let joy begin.  
The tomb is empty: now enter in!"  
So let our songs to heaven wing, Alleluia.  
The vault with alleluias ring, Alleluia!  
In praise of Christ our risen Lord; Alleluia!  
New life he doth to all afford. Alleluia!

❖ DOXOLOGY

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 245 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today! LLANFAIR

*Note: All who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with The Overbrook Choir, are invited to come forward into the Choir Chancel on the third stanza of this hymn.*

*Women sing on the pulpit side; men on the lectern side.*

*Music scores will be distributed by The Overbrook Choir members.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus (*The Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson



This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Mar. 27	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, Mar. 30	10:00 am	Bible Study
Thursday, Mar. 31	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Overbrook Choir
Friday, April 1	11:30 am	R.P.M. Cafe
Sunday, April 3	9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Forum Junior Choir Worship

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by The Finance Committee. If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar Morris Room. Contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

**Support Feed My Starving Children.** Buy your M&Ms during coffee hour. Enjoy the candy and fill the empty container with quarters. The money will be used to support the church's participation in the Feed My Starving Children food packing day in April.

**Bible Study Group.** Adult Bible Study will be meeting this Wednesday, March 30 at 10:00 am, in the Chapel. Dr. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

**Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen.** Every Thursday, 10:30 am, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60<sup>th</sup> and Master Streets. OPC volunteers prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious meal for our neighbors in West Philadelphia. Contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at [elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com) for more info.

**Permission to Form a PNC** - We have been given permission to form a Pulpit Nominating Committee by our Presbytery. This is the committee that will seek out the new minister for OPC. It is a committee that must reflect the diversity and interests and mission of the OPC congregation. The PNC will have nine members.

A PNC is a serious commitment of time and energy. And it will make the most important decision we will make in the next decade. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please notify Dr. Mann at [drew@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:drew@overbrookpresb.org). Dr. Mann will submit all names to our church nominating committee for their consideration. They will submit their choices to a congregational meeting the time of which will soon be announced. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to this work, and if so then let Dr. Mann know.

## Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

**Next Sunday April 3, 2016:** **Preaching:** The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; **Acolyte:** Emma Biedermann; **Flowers given by:** Buck & Mary Scott; **Coffee Hour:** TBD

**Adult Forum** - The theme for April is "Called to Serve: An Invitation To Lay Ministry" - All are invited to come to Adult Forum. Sunday morning from 9:15 – 10:15 AM in the Chapel. The welcome is warm and the coffee is hot.

**Oral History Project Update** - The goal is to capture a snap shot of OPC in this era and how it has changed. We are interested in people who have been involved with OPC for short and long periods of time. If you are interested in joining us to conduct interviews we would be happy to add you to our ranks. We help in every way we can with guidelines and "tech support." If you are interested in sharing your OPC story, please let me know. I can be contacted via email at [raelynkay@aol.com](mailto:raelynkay@aol.com) or by phone at 610-331-8972.

**Help Needed With Shelter Meals** - We need help to cook and serve the shelter meal for the Life Center of Delaware County on **Tuesday, March 29**. We could use cooks at 2:30 and servers at 6:00. Please contact Nancy Gilhool at 610-896-8329 or [gilhoolfam@verizon.net](mailto:gilhoolfam@verizon.net).



**R.P.M. (Retired Person's Ministry) Café, April 1, 11:30 – 1:00 PM**  
Enjoy a special April Fool's Day lunch with fellow retirees! Bring your own sandwich; soup, dessert, beverages...and some "April foolishness" will be provided. This month, we will meet in the Chapel. Our theme for the day will be *The Positive Impact of Laughter on our Lives*. R.P.M. Café is a service ministry of the Christian Education committee; there is no charge to participate in this program.

**OPC Youth on the move!** On Sunday, April 24, OPC Youth are invited to attend the 10:00 AM worship service at our neighboring congregation, St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. On that Sunday,, the St. Thomas Gospel Choir, will be singing throughout the service. Following worship, our youth will walk to lunch at the Italian Village Restaurant on 63<sup>rd</sup> St. All interested youth should meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM; we will walk to St. Thomas at that time. Please sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room, or contact either Jason Sheau or Sharon Parker.

**OPC Talks...and Walks, Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM in the Chapel**  
We welcome OPC member, Jim Stephens, as he leads an informative discussion, *Stewardship of the Environment: A discussion on Global Warming*. Please bring your friends and join us for this engaging event.

**Sunday School Teachers' Luncheon Meeting: April 10, 12:00 noon in the Youth Room** – All teachers, and those who wish to teach, are invited to share lunch and discuss the OPC Christian Education program. Our goal is to assess our current program and to envision an even stronger faith formation and program for 2016-2017. Childcare will be provided.



EASTER FLOWERS  
GIVEN IN MEMORY

- Given by: Adepeju Adebajo - *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Adebajo*
- Given by: Lois Babitt - *In memory of my sister Valerie*
- Given by: Amy Behman, Rob, Tom & Ian Wilson -  
*In memory of Ann Behman and Richard Wilson*
- Given by: Jeremy Blatchley, Rachel & Lillian Carnahan -  
*In memory of All our Saints above*
- Given by: Elaine Blodgett and Asa Hausmann -  
*In memory of Lemone & Lee Yielding*
- Given by: Janet & Jeff Bowker and children - *In memory of Brenda Gavin*
- Given by: Jessamine Brandt & Ellen Burr - *In memory of Alice Crowell*
- Given by: Jessamine Brandt -  
*In memory of Jessamine P. & Erdmann N. Brandt, her parents.*
- Given by: Ellen Burr - *In memoriam*
- Given by: Bob & Sue DeCray - *In memory of Clinton & Eleanor DeCray*
- Given by: Laurie Geers  
*In memory of my mother Annie and my husband Johnathan Greene*
- Given by: Raelyn Harman -  
*In memory of Raymond Harman & Carmella Canestrari*
- Given by: Robert & Gwenn Harden - *In memory of parents*
- Given by: Vimala Johnson - *In memory of parents*
- Given by: Jonathan Kopsick  
*In memory of Joseph & Frances Fettner and Francis Kopcsik*
- Given by: Jane Krumine -  
*In memory of Jane G. & Charles S. Krumrine - Jane's parents*
- Given by: The Macfarlan Family -  
*In memory of Romvald & Hermine Wernikowski*
- Given by: Mackenzie & Francisco - *In memory of Glyndwyn Harris*
- Given by: Sharon Parker - *In memory of Ted & Nora Thomas*
- Given by: Jane & Carol Rozmiarek -  
*In memory of Harry Rozmiarek, husband and father on his birthday.*
- Given by: Davorka Sabljak  
*In memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sabljak*
- Given by: Will & Sue Schick - *In memory of Herb & Molly Heston*
- Given by: Charles Brown & Kate Shackelford - *In memory of Brenda Gavin*
- Given by: Caroline Skinner  
*In memory of Mary Hammond*



## Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

Interim Minister

Dennis Elwell

Minister of Music

Margene Biedermann

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Earlene Ford

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The Rev. David K. McMillan

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Custodian

## The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax

Soprano

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Mezzo-Soprano

Toffer T. Mihalka

Tenor

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